



**National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior**

**Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.**

Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site
99 Warren Street, Brookline, MA 02445

John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site
83 Beals Street, Brookline, MA 02446

**Longfellow House – Washington's Headquarters
National Historic Site**
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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Frederick Law Olmsted, Longfellow House – Washington's Headquarters, and John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Sites. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

**36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS
FOR SPECIFIC USES OR ACTIVITIES**

(a)(1) The following visiting hours, public use limits, and closures are established:

Visiting Hours:

- The three sites are open seasonally (June through October) for five days a week (Wednesday through Sunday), generally from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visitors should check the sites' websites for schedule variations during the summer season.
- The sites are open for special events, specially scheduled tours and school programs November through May.

Public Use Limits:

- Except for the self-guided exhibits at Frederick Law Olmsted NHS, the historic building interiors are available to see by guided tour only. Tours are given on a first come, first served basis at scheduled times (check the website). Reservations are preferred for groups of 8 or more.
- Tours of the historic buildings are limited to the following carrying capacities for each tour conducted:
Frederick Law Olmsted NHS: 15
John Fitzgerald Kennedy NHS: 12
Longfellow House -- Washington's Headquarters NHS: 15
- Oversized pocketbooks, large bags and backpacks are never permitted in the historic houses and may not be left unattended at any time. Longfellow House – Washington's Headquarters NHS and John Fitzgerald Kennedy NHS both offer locked storage facilities.

The rooms in the historic houses are generally small and contain original furnishings and museum collections. Visitor numbers are limited in order to preserve and protect the structures and their contents.

Closures:

- The park superintendent may, due to severe weather or other safety concerns, close park facilities.
- On extremely rare occasions, the park superintendent may close one or two of the sites in order to reallocate staffing to support a special event at the third site.

Bicycles:

- Bicycles are not permitted on the lawns, gardens or pedestrian walkways of the park sites.

Use of unmanned aircraft:

- Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of the three sites is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

Definition: The term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for a pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g. model airplanes, quadcopters, and drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation and commerce.

(a)(2) The following areas are designated for a specific use or activity and/or the following conditions or restrictions are imposed on a specific use or activity:

First Amendment Assembly Area:

- Groups of 25 people may demonstrate in these areas when the superintendent has issued a permit. Demonstrations involving 25 persons or fewer may generally be held without a permit within the designated park areas. Applications for permits should be submitted to the Superintendent's Office. The designated area for demonstrations for each site are as follows:
 - Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site: south lawn between the circular drive and the newly planted elm tree
 - John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site: backyard area away from the sidewalk
 - Longfellow House – Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site: west portion of the front forecourt

36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

Activities requiring a permit are listed above under Public Use Limits and/or throughout this document under the specific 36 CFR Section that authorizes or requires the issuance of a permit.

Individuals and organizations wishing to apply for a permit should contact the Site's Special Use Coordinator for more information and application.

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(5) Climbing on park buildings and monuments is prohibited.

- Climbing of trees is strictly prohibited.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS

(a)(2)(i) Weapons may only be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations:

- Firearms are prohibited in federal facilities pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 930. Federal facilities are defined as “buildings or parts thereof owned or leased by the federal government, where federal employees are regularly present for the purpose of performing their official duties.” Federal facilities are marked with signs at the public entrances.
- Park visitors who can legally possess and carry firearms under federal, state, and local law are allowed to carry them on the Park grounds. The role of the responsible gun owner is to know and obey the federal, state, and local laws appropriate to the Park they are visiting. However, weapons cannot be used in the park except by authorized federal, state, or local law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties.

36 CFR §2.5 – RESEARCH SPECIMENS

(a) Taking plants, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals is prohibited except in accordance with other regulations of Chapter I of 36 CFR or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a specimen collection permit.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

- Camping is prohibited throughout the park.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Conditions for Picnicking:

- Picnicking is permitted on the lawn areas of Frederick Law Olmsted and Longfellow House – Washington’s Headquarters National Historic Sites and the backyard lawn of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site.

36 CFR §2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES

(a)(3) Operating any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(a)(4) Operating a public address system is prohibited, except in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

- (a)(1) Bringing pets into public buildings and public transportation vehicles is prohibited.
- Leashed pets are allowed on the grounds of all three sites. Only leashed service dogs are permitted in the historic buildings.

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:

- Pet excrement must be picked up and disposed of in an outdoor garbage bin or otherwise removed from the park.

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

(c) The use of snowmobiles is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

(a) Skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, sledding, innertubing, tobogganing, and similar winter sports are prohibited on park roads and in parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS AND SIMILAR DEVICES

Using roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, buildings, structures and/or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:

- Smoking is prohibited in all federal buildings pursuant to Executive Order 13058.
- Smoking is prohibited in the formal garden area at Longfellow House – Washington's Headquarters NHS.
- Smoking is prohibited within twenty-five feet of the exteriors of the historic structures at all three sites.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Leaving personal property unattended is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.35 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) Consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed is generally prohibited.

- Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed on park property when a special use permit has been granted by the park superintendent.

36 CFR §2.37 – NON-COMMERCIAL SOLICITING

Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit that has been issued under §2.50, §2.51, or §2.52.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

(a) Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents or explosive materials is prohibited.

(b) Using, or possessing fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS

(a) Meetings, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events are allowed, provided there is a meaningful association between the park area and the events, and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area, and a permit therefor has been issued by the superintendent.

36 CFR §2.51 -- DEMONSTRATIONS

(b) Demonstrations of 25 people or less are allowed within the park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2). Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within designated park areas when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.

(c)(2) The following locations are designated as available for demonstrations:

- **Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site: south lawn between the circular drive and the newly planted elm tree**
- **John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site: backyard area away from the sidewalk**
- **Longfellow House – Washington’s Headquarters National Historic Site: west portion of the front forecourt**

36 CFR §2.52 -- SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

(b) The sale or distribution of printed matter by 25 people or less is allowed within the park areas designated as available under §2.51(c)(2) (see above). The sale or distribution of printed matter by more than 25 persons is allowed within designated park areas when the superintendent has issued a permit.

36 CFR §2.61 – RESIDING ON FEDERAL LANDS

(a) Residing in park areas, other than on privately owned lands, is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit lease or contract.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(a) The installation of a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area without the authorization of the Director is prohibited.

(b) The scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) The use of a bicycle is prohibited except on driveways and in parking areas. There are no bicycle routes designated through any of the park sites. See 36 CFR §1.5.

36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking or soliciting transportation is prohibited.

36 CFR §5.1 – ADVERTISEMENTS

Commercial notices or advertisements shall not be displayed, posted, or distributed on federally owned or controlled lands within a park area unless prior written permission has been given by the Superintendent.

36 CFR §5.3 – BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Engaging in or soliciting any business in park areas, except in accordance with the provisions of a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States, except as such may be specifically authorized under special regulations applicable to a park area, is prohibited.

36 CFR §5.4 – COMMERCIAL PASSENGER-CARRYING MOTOR VEHICLES

(a) The commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicle except as authorized under a contract or permit from the Secretary or his authorized representative is prohibited in certain parks. See §5.4(a) for more information.

36 CFR §5.5 – COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

(a) Before any motion picture may be filmed or any television production or sound track may be made by any person other than bona fide newsreel or news television personnel, written permission must first be obtained from the Superintendent.

(b) Taking photographs of any vehicle or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising without a written permit from the Superintendent is prohibited.

36 CFR §5.6 – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

(b) & (c) Using commercial vehicles on government driveways within these park areas when such use is in no way connected with the operation of the park is generally prohibited, and requires permission or a permit from the Superintendent.

36 CFR §5.7 – CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR OTHER FACILITIES

Such activities are prohibited.